At present there are no certified small growers in the organic tea sector. However, Tea Board's training programmes for development of organic tea cultivation will also cover small growers in due course.

Ban on Indian meat

4264. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian meat has been banned by Egypt. Jordan, Kuwait and other countries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY) : (a) to (b) Presently there is no ban on import of Indian meat by Egypt, Jordan and Kuwait. However no exports are taking place to Indonesia, South Africa and Saudi Arabia which are insisting on import only from Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) free Area.

(c) Government continues its efforts to appropriately advise the concerned authorities of the major importing countries in this regard.

Trade links between India and Canada

4265. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Canadian Trade Delegation has visited India recently and held discussions with him;

(b) if so, the details of points discussed by the delegation;

(c)whether trade links between both the countries have further improved;

(d) if so, to what extent; and

(e) the benefits likely to accrue to India with Canadian firms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Mr. pierre Pettigrew, Canadian Minister for International Trade accompanied by a large

delegation of businessmen visited India in April 2002. Various aspects of bilateral trade were discussed and it is expected that both the countries now have better appreciations of measures required to be taken for increasing bilateral trade.

(e) This is likely to facilitate an enhanced economic and commercial cooperation between the business of two countries for mutual benefit.

Declining trend in export

4266. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's export continued to witness a negative growth during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, item-wise and year-wise;

(c) the reasons for such negative export growth indicating India's share in percentage in the world's total export growth and also increase in India's trade deficit, during the above mentioned years in terms of Dollar and Rupee; and

(d) the specific plan of Government to avoid such trend and ensure that India's share in total world's export reaches one per cent at least?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY) : (a) to (d) As per data available from Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Kolkata, India's merchandise exports had registered a growth rate of 19.6% during 2000-01. However, merchandise goods exports have registered a decline of 0.08 in 2001-02 compared to the previous year. This is basically due to the global economic slow down and the impact of events of September 11th and its aftermath. India's share in world exports is 0.67% for the year 2000, as per WTO International Trade Statistics.

Trade deficit for the last two years is as under:

Years	Trade Deficit	
	(US $ Million)	(Rs. Crore)
2000-01	(-) 6078	(-) 27302
2001-02 (April-March) Provisional	(-) 6655	(-) 31467

(SOURCE: DGCI & S, Kolkata)